Presentation Summary:
Briefing on “What’s New” and “Priorities” for the Advancement & Recognition Committee

Time Required:
Not more than 6 minutes

Target Audience:
Council & District Volunteers & Professionals

Learning Objectives:
At the end of this module, participants will be able to:
• be briefed on the Advancement Committee’s Goals/Plans for 2019-2020

Handout materials to include when presenting this session:
• This
• Implementation Details for Females Entering Scouts/BSA
• Advancement Committee Goals & Action Plans
• Advancement Committee Calendar for 2018-2019
WHAT'S NEW – 2018-2020

At 2018 Top-Hands Meeting, the National Executive Committee approved that Eagle Scout extensions will be granted for youth as follows:

- joined before Dec. 31, 2018
- 18 years of age or older, but not yet 18, as of February 1, 2019
- requests must be received at the national service center not later than thirty (30) days after turning age 18
- must be received no later than January 7, 2020
- only the National Council may grant extensions
- applies to both first-time joining girls and boys

Source: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Implementation-Details-for-Scouts-BSA-FINAL.pdf

The actual extension will be based upon the individual’s registration date and age at the time of the request and will provide not more than twenty-four months from the date of initial registration to complete all requirements.

Information is available on national website at:
https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Implementation-Details-for-Scouts-BSA-FINAL.pdf
IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS FOR FEMALES ENTERING SCOUTS BSA

Temporary Transition Rules

On February 1, 2019, the Boy Scouts of America will begin admitting girls into Scouts BSA. One of the characteristics of Scouting—for over a hundred years—is that no matter when you join, however long you stay, or the rank you attain, the Scouting experience prepares you for life. And for some, the pinnacle of their Scouting experience is achieving the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

The policies of the BSA indicate that, except in extraordinary circumstances, a youth desiring to achieve the rank of Eagle must do so before the youth’s 18th birthday. This will continue to be our policy.

It is in the interests of the entire BSA, and in fact our nation, that all girls who join the BSA in 2019 should have an opportunity to earn their Eagle badge should they diligently and promptly complete all requirements. Accordingly, after carefully considering recommendations from stakeholders, including feedback from volunteers and professionals at the 2018 Top Hands Meeting, the National Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America has approved the following temporary transition rules regarding extensions for youth over 16 but not yet 18 years of age on February 1, 2019 to complete the requirements for the Eagle Scout award.

To preserve the integrity of the Eagle Scout Award, no exceptions to or waivers of any of the requirements for the Eagle Scout Award are permitted under this limited exception, and all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First-Class Rank in Scouts BSA (as specified in the BSA Guide to Advancement).

Since the BSA has determined that the minimum period of elapsed time to complete the requirements of the Eagle Scout rank is approximately 19-20 months, the extension is not available to any youth who is under 16 years of age on February 1, 2019 (as they will have adequate time to earn their Eagle before turning 18) nor to any youth who has already turned 18 years of age on February 1, 2019 (as they will be ineligible to join Scouts BSA).

1. Youth 16 years of age or older, but not yet 18, on February 1, 2019 who register as members of Scouts BSA on or before December 31, 2019, may request extensions to complete the Eagle Scout Award requirements after they turn 18 years of age.

2. Requests for extensions must be received no later than thirty (30) days after turning 18 years of age. Extensions must be in writing by submitting the designated form to the National Service Center and the form must be received no later than January 7, 2020. Only the National Council may grant extensions. The actual extension will be based upon the individual’s registration date and age at the time of the request and will provide not more than twenty-four months from the date of initial registration to complete all requirements.

3. In the interest of fairness, these temporary transition rules apply to all youth joining Scouts BSA during 2019—both girls and first-time joining boys.

Recognition

In keeping with established policy, the Eagle Scout rank is earned when the candidate’s award has been approved by the National Council.

The BSA will not recognize a first female Eagle Scout to avoid potentially introducing incentives for leaders, troops or Scouts to prioritize expediency or engage in behavior counter to Scouting’s values.

Instead, the BSA will officially recognize our Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts in the fall of 2020, providing young women who join Scouts BSA the needed time to complete all requirements. This Inaugural Class will be celebrated nationally and collectively commemorated.

It is our hope and expectation that local units will ensure substantial individual recognition of their first female Eagle Scouts in a manner befitting their great accomplishments.
FAQ

Q: Is the BSA changing the Eagle Scout requirements for girls joining Scouts BSA in 2019?
No – the Eagle Scout rank requirements are not changing.

Q: Can troops, districts or councils amend or adjust the requirements/process?
No. Eagle Scout requirements are set by the National Council and cannot be adjusted by a troop, district or council. In fact, the Eagle Scout rank is earned when it is approved by the National Council.

Q: Will work completed while girls participated unofficially before the introduction of Scouts BSA count towards Eagle requirements?
No. To preserve the integrity of the Eagle Scout Award, all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First-Class Rank in Scouts BSA (as specified in the BSA Guide to Advancement, an individual after earning First Class Rank in Scouts BSA may transfer primary membership to Venturing or Sea Scouts and continue to work on Eagle Scout requirements).

Q: Will work that female Venturers or Sea Scouts completed count toward Eagle Scout requirements?
To preserve the integrity of the Eagle Scout Award, all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First-Class Rank in Scouts BSA (as specified in the BSA Advancement Guide, an individual after earning First Class Rank in Scouts BSA may transfer primary membership to Venturing or Sea Scouts and continue to work on Eagle Scout requirements).

Q: Will camping nights from current Venturing and Sea Scouts that count for requirements for the Order of the Arrow, also count for the Eagle Scout rank?
No.

Q: Will this extension always be available for all youth that enter Scouts BSA?
No. These are temporary transition rules and will not be available to any youth who is under 16 years of age on February 1, 2019 as they will have adequate time to earn their Eagle before turning 18.

Q: Can the first female Eagle Scout be identified based on the earliest Board of Review date?
No. The Eagle Scout rank is earned when it is approved by the National Council; that date will be noted to recognize this inaugural class.
• Maximize effectiveness – Recruit enough committee members to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in Section 3 of the Guide to Advancement.
• Refine and publish MBC list – utilize the district advancement committees to personally reach out to every MBC to determine training status and update list accordingly.
• Support & Promote – Manage unit transition from Internet Advancement to ScoutBook reporting.
• Support introduction – Work with troops to orient the temporary advancement toward the rank of Eagle Scout.
• Advancement Education – using roundtable breakout presentations at the district level and two day-long seminars at the council level
• Promote recognition – Religious emblem programs, volunteer recognition, meritorious & life saving, other
2018-2019 Council Goals and Action Plan

ADVANCEMENT & RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Purpose:

Provide resources to facilitate district advancement teams. Promote advancement with unit leaders and unit committees maximizing advancement and recognition opportunities for the youth and adults in their units.

GOALS AND ACTION PLANS

Committee Goals:
1. Recruit enough members to fulfill the responsibilities described in Section 3 of the Guide to Advancement and achieve council advancement objectives.
2. Provide members with ongoing training to maintain awareness of updated procedures, best practices, and details related to all programs of the Boy Scouts of America.
3. Establish objectives and action plans that stimulate advancement and lead to maximum success in Scouting’s Journey to Excellence.
4. Inspire a positive working relationship with district advancement committees, providing clear guidance and direction on their responsibilities and objectives.
5. Plan, present, and submit for the council calendar those advancement conferences and training experiences that will strengthen the performance of district and unit advancement volunteers.
6. Support advancement elements involved in training, and in events and activities presented by other council committees.
7. Support outdoor programs where advancement may take place, such as day camps, Cub Scout resident camp, long-term camping experiences, and specialized activities featuring advancement.
8. Establish local practices for adhering to National Council advancement procedures at outdoor programs, summer camp, and events such as merit badge fairs or midways.
9. Support and promote the BSA’s Electronic Advancement reporting. Accurate advancement records are critical to program planning and analysis. Work toward 100 percent electronic data entry.
10. Share advancement statistics for use in council fundraising materials and for supporting membership recruitment and retention efforts and commissioner service.
11. See to an effective merit badge program administered at either council or district level that functions according to national procedures and recruits, approves, trains, and makes known sufficient counselors to meet the needs of the council.
12. Determine, according to national procedures, consistent and appropriate methods for approving Eagle Scout service project proposals and fundraising applications, providing Eagle Scout service project coaches, and conducting Eagle Scout boards of review and Quartermaster bridges of review.
13. Determine methods of collecting Eagle Scout or Quartermaster references.
14. Know and precisely follow official procedures for appeals and time-extension requests.
15. Know and follow proper procedures for considering special needs cases involving alternative requirements and merit badges, and registration beyond the normal age of eligibility.
16. Participate in considering and presenting special awards and recognitions according to established council procedures. This responsibility includes the Silver Beaver Award.
17. Support and promote the religious emblems program to build on this important element of spiritual growth.
18. Process lifesaving and meritorious action awards according to council practices and national procedures.
19. Notify the media to recognize significant youth achievements, such as Eagle Scout or Quartermaster rank, the Venturing Silver Award, lifesaving and meritorious action awards, and other noteworthy accomplishments.
Committee Plan of Action:

1. Review and revise the 2017 Ventura County Council Guide to Advancement Supplement as required.
2. Review and revise the Advancement & Recognition portion of the Ventura County Council website to make it an easy-to-navigate and “go to” place for anything related to advancement as required. Immediate items include:
   a. Upload and make available the updated registration criteria for merit badge counselors
   b. Upload the list of recipients of the Fritz Huntsinger, Sr. Award to the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner page.
   c. Upload the list of NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award recipients to the NESA page and reference the list in the Silver Beaver Recognition Dinner web page.
   d. Other items as identified.
3. Assist the council in any advancement and recognition issues/education concerning the introduction of girls in the Cub Scout and Scouts/BSA programs.
4. Participate in the University of Scouting by providing instructors pertaining to classes in advancement and recognition. Host a table at the midway event with information about the advancement committees.
5. Update and provide the council merit badge counselor list to all district advancement and recognition committee chairs on a calendar quarterly basis. Use district resources to aid in the accuracy and completeness of the list.
6. Provide regular and on-going open communication between the council advancement team and district advancement teams in a timely fashion in order to help them provide unit service.
7. Conduct the "Today's Advancement" and "Getting the Most from Internet Advancement" education seminars semi-annually (spring and fall).
8. Identify the recommended roles as published by the BSA National Advancement Task Force in the district advancement committee positions and encourage the DACs to fill every role by expanding the membership in the committees. See attached role descriptions.
9. Create and implement plans/schedules for council recognition events/activities, i.e. Silver Beaver, so that there is ample time for soliciting awards applications, selection meetings, notification, and other planning activities.
10. Provide resources and guidance to district advancement teams to support and encourage STEM/NOVA programs at the unit level.
11. Provide resources and guidance to district advancement teams to support and encourage Religious Emblems program at the unit level.
12. Provide resources and guidance to district advancement teams to support advancement for Scouts with special needs.
13. Extend an invitation to interested parties to the quarterly council combined program meeting in addition to the council advancement team members.

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Ventura County Council Advancement & Recognition Committee
Calendar for 2018-2019

Saturday, November 3, 2018 @ 8:30am-11:45am Pacific
District/Council Planning Workshops – LDS Stake Center, 1201 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo

Friday, December 7, 2018 @ End of Business (VCC)
Silver Beaver Nomination Forms due to Scout Conference Center

Monday, December 10, 2018 @ 7:00 pm Pacific
Silver Beaver & Other Council Recognition Selection Meeting – Scout Conference Center

Saturday, January 26, 2019 @ 7:30 am-noon Pacific
University of Scouting – Adolfo Camarillo High School

Thursday, January 31, 2019 @ 7:00 pm Pacific
Council Advancement Committee Meeting – Scout Conference Center

Saturday, February 2, 2019 @ 8:00 am Pacific
Duty to God Breakfast – Holy Cross Church, 13955 Peach Hill Rd, Moorpark

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 @ 6:00pm Pacific
Council Recognition Dinner – Ventura County Education Center

Saturday, March 2, 2019
Annual Catholic Awards and Recognition Dinner - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Westlake

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 6:00 pm Pacific
Eagle Scout Class of 2018 Recognition Dinner – Ronald Reagan Library

Sunday, March 31, 2019 @
VCC Catholic Religious Emblems Boards of Review

Saturday, May 4, 2018 @
Council Gala & Auction - Camarillo

Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ 8:00 am Pacific
Today’s Advancement Seminar – Scout Conference Center

Saturday, May 11, 2019 @ 7:30 am Pacific
12 Points Bike Ride – West End of Simi Valley (more to follow)

Sunday, May 19, 2019
Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Religious Emblems presentation mass - Queen of the Angels Cathedral, Los Angeles

Thursday, May 31, 2019 @ 7:00 pm Pacific
Council Advancement Committee Meeting – Scout Conference Center

Thursday, August 29, 2019 @ 7:00 pm Pacific
Council Advancement Committee Meeting – Scout Conference Center

Saturday, October 5, 2019 @ 8:00 am Pacific
Electronic Advancement Reporting Seminar – Scout Conference Center

Saturday, October 5, 2019 @ 1:00 pm Pacific
Council Advancement Committee Meeting – Scout Conference Center

Friday-Sunday, October 4-6, 2019
Annual Catholic Scout Retreat - Veteran’s Memorial Park - Sylmar, CA

November 2, 2019 @ 7:30am-noon Pacific
District/Council Planning Workshops – LDS Stake Center, 1201 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY!